

PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing rubber hose for the conduct of mediums therethrough, said hose being entirely of rubber composition and comprising at least one rubber layer composed of a rubber composition having a storage elastic modulus (E') of 20 to 100 MPa at 200 Hz with an elongation strain of 0.1% at an ordinary temperature, and a damping factor ( $\tan \delta$ ) of not smaller than 0.4.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing rubber hose as set forth in claim 1, wherein the rubber composition has a 50% tensile stress (M50) of 1.0 to 4.0 MPa.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing rubber hose as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a reinforcing layer.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing rubber hose for the conduct of mediums therethrough, said hose being entirely of rubber composition and comprising a plurality of rubber layers, at least one of the rubber layers being composed of a rubber composition having a storage elastic modulus (E') of 20 to 100 MPa at 200 Hz with an elongation strain of 0.1% at an ordinary temperature, and a damping factor ( $\tan \delta$ ) of not smaller than 0.4.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing rubber hose as set forth in claim 4, wherein the rubber composition has a 50% tensile stress (M50) of 1.0 to 4.0 MPa.

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Claim 6 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing rubber hose as set forth in claim 4, wherein a value M calculated from the following expression (1) is 1.5 to 3.5 Mpa:

$$M=(Ma50 \times A + Mb50 \times B + Mc50 \times C + \dots)/(A+B+C \dots) \dots (1)$$

(wherein Ma50, Mb50, Mc50, . . . are 50% tensile stresses of rubber compositions composing the respective rubber layers, and A, B, C, . . . are cross-sectional areas of the respective rubber layers).

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Claim 7 (currently amended): A vibration absorbing rubber hose as set forth in claim 4, further comprising a reinforcing layer of reinforcing filaments provided between each adjacent pair of rubber layers.

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